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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT PARK'S COMMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: SEOUL 1664

1. WE BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO CORRECT PRESIDENT PARK'S
IMPRESSION THAT USG MIGHT REFRAIN FROM COMMENTING ON HUMAN
RIGHTS ISSUE IN KOREA (REFTEL). REFERRING TO THIS ASPECT
OF PARK'S PRESENTATION, CHARGE SHOULD INFORM CHOE KWANG-SU
OF BLUE HOUSE THAT PRESIDENT PARK SHOULD BE AWARE THAT THE
ADMINISTRATION WILL, AS APPROPRIATE, SPEAK OUT ON HUMAN
RIGHTS PROBLEMS IN KOREA AS WELL AS IN OTHER COUNTRIES.
OUR STATEMENTS WILL BE PREDICATED ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S
COMMITMENT TO DO WHATEVER IS FEASIBLE TO PROMOTE HUMAN

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RIGHTS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. THEY WILL ALSO BE IN RESPONSE
TO PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL REQUESTS FOR OUR VIEWS. AS
CHOE IS AWARE, SECRETARY VANCE HAS ALREADY NOTED OUR CON-
CERN OVER HUMAN RIGHTS IN KOREA DURING HIS FEBRUARY 24
APPEARANCE BEFORE THE SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE AND
THERE WILL BE OTHER SUCH OCCASIONS.

2. CHOE SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS NOT OUR INTENTION
TO EMBARRASS THE ROKG. MOREOVER, AS WE MAKE CLEAR OUR
POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, WE WILL ALSO EMPHASIZE OUR CON-
TINUING CLOSE SECURITY RELATIONSHIP WITH SEOUL.
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